



PETANQUE FEDERATION AUSTRALIA LTD

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Please check the PFA website for the amended Rules of the game adopted by the Board on 11 January and also information in this Newsletter..

1. Note from the Editor

Welcome to this Special Edition of the PFA Newsletter. As we are getting closer to the Australian Triples Championships and the PFA AGM, we believe the time has come to start forwarding you these vital information to help you decide to make the trip to beautiful NSW.. Of course this Newsletter has other very useful topics for your information and that of all players around Australia.

We would like re-enforcing our commitment to you in 2011.

- Increase participation at competitions
- Foster communication rather than command
- Our goals and achievement must be common
- Synchronise our activities
- Elimination of unnecessary reporting
- Ensure independence of umpires
- Aggressive promotion of the sport
- Support of our Coaches
- Meet and exceed community standard

2.2011 Australian Triples Championships

Highfields Azzurri Sports Club Inc. George Street Highfields NSW 2289

Friday 22nd April – Sunday 24th April

Introduction

Petanque Federation Australia will conduct the 2011 Australian Triples Championship at the Azzurri Sports Club, home of the Azzurri Petanque Club, at Highfields NSW, from Thursday 21 April to Sunday 24th April 2010. .

This note provides details of the agreed program, venue and accommodation possibilities. Brief tourist information is also attached for those wishing to visit the city of Newcastle and surrounding areas.

The Venue

The Clubhouse is a 2 story building with ample room to hold the AGM; it has a restaurant and a bistro, and is fully licensed George street Highfields, NSW Phone: 02

The Club is located 15 minutes by car south of Newcastle CBD. For details of the area go to

<http://www.whereis.com/nsw/highfields>

The Highfields Azzurri Sports Club is home to the Highfields Petanque Club managed by an enthusiastic group of people under the direction of Pierre Boudan. It has approximately 40 petanque pitches 22 of which have appropriate lighting.

Food and Drinks

A full bar service is available for the period of the championships. Please note that since the Club is fully licensed , no BYO alcohol is permitted. Soft drinks, tea and coffee will also be available.

Breakfast and lunch will be available Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There will be barbeque on Thursday evening, food will also be available on Friday evening and a Special carvery dinner will be organized for the Sunday night as a closing event.

More details on this will be available from the Club soon.

Entry Fees

Registration Fees for the Australian Triples Championships is \$100.- per team. Registration forms are sent as attachments to your Club.

Program

Thursday

The weekend begins on Thursday with the draw at 7pm. Followed by the welcome barbeque, the pitches will be available for training from early afternoon.

Friday

9am PFA AGM.

11am Australian shooting Championships

1.30pm Opening Ceremony

2.00pm Start of the Australian Triples Championships, a maximum of 3 of 6 games will be played on Friday.

You are more than welcome to stick around for drinks, dinner and a chat.

Saturday

8.30am continuation of championship, with conclusion of all preliminary games.(hopefully)

Sunday

8.30am start of finals, Top 8 in all categories

6pm Presentation Dinner/ Dance closing ceremony.

Accomodation

A wide range of hotel Accommodation is available within reasonable distance of the Highfields Sport Club.

One that has been recommended to us is the Panorama Motor Inn, tel (02)4943 3144

Web site, www.panoramamotorinn.com.au, Dan and Judy Riley will be happy to help.

Of course going to the www.whereis.com/nsw/highfields link will provide you with more options.

Please book early to avoid disappointment.

FORMS,FEES AND FORMATS

Please note that there are other attachments to this mail for the above information.

Most of these information can also be viewed on the PFA website

www.petanquefederationaustralia.com.

3.ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ATC 2011.

Participants to these championships must hold a current PFA License.

Leagues, Clubs please note well

PFA has received requests to consider renewing the licenses of some of our players who failed to renew their licenses by the end July last year, as per normal PFA procedures and policies.

The PFA Board is satisfied that the reasons given by those Clubs had merit. Consequently, the Board has agreed for a one off extension of the renewals of its player's license for the period 2010/2011. to 28 February 2011.

4. Coach Workshop.

We are pleased to announce that about 11 coaches and would be coaches attended last Saturday's first PFA coaching course. We were pleased to welcome Brenton Key and Adrian Clements from South Australia, and Warren Sowter from NSW, their presence showed their dedication to the game. Of course the presence of the other guys from Victoria should also be applauded and not of lesser importance. Due to the heavy rain(compliment of Anthony cyclone??) the practical side of the coaching could not be done, However everyone enjoyed the theory side of the course.

Congratulations, and a big" thank you" to Jean Francois for a job well done. He managed to get everyone involved in every topic of the course. Very professional indeed.

Also a big "Thank you" to Jean-Claude Dufroux, President, St Kilda Club, for hosting this course. The sandwiches were delicious

We now can confirm the appointments of Brenton and Eric to their positions of State Coaches in their respective States.

PFA will be holding similar coaching courses in NSW soon. We encourage existing and would be coaches to attend. Date and time of the second course will be advised in due course..

5.Flood situation- update

You would be aware that PFA suggested that Clubs organize fund raising for the Queenslanders affected by the recent flood.

We wish to thank the Hobart Petanque Club and the Newcastle Petanque Club who held their fund raising on Australia Day. Both Clubs have now passed on the donations to the appropriate authorities .

Congratulations to the managements and members of the 2 Clubs for their effort.

We have been told from reliable sources that the flood problem was not limited to Queensland, it has also affected part of Victoria. I am been advised from the same reliable source that the Pyrenees Club has suffered quite badly as a Club. and some of its members have also suffered flood damage.

The club has lost their club pistes down the Avoca river and damage to club rooms / fences / other infrastructure

PFA is calling on Clubs in Victoria and, of course other parts of Australia to do anything they can to help.

6. Masters Game- Boules by the Lake NSW

Please find attached a flyer for this Master's game Good promotions for the game.

The petanque section of these games are sanctioned by PFA for Insurance purposes.

<p>7. Trans Tasman 2011</p> <p>The 2011 Trans Tasman series against New Zealand will be held on 21/22 May 2011 at the St Kilda Petanque Club in Victoria.</p> <p>You would be aware that teams from Victoria and South Australia, won the right to representing Australia in their respective categories at these championships.</p> <p>As previously agreed, 4 extra players will be selected by the winning teams from the runner-up teams of NSW, 1 man and 3 women in each category will complete teams of 12 to play NZ in May. State coaches will recommend their choice of players to PFA by the end of February 2011.</p>	<p>8. Trans Tasman Youth team</p> <p>Australia is currently discussing the possibility to include a Youth team in the Trans Tasman 2011. We are looking at getting a team of 6 young players, 16 to 20 years of age at this stage(open for discussions).</p> <p>A reminder to Coaches and Leagues/Clubs to advise PFA of their nominations by the end of February.</p>
<p>9. Interstate Challenge-2011</p> <p>As a result of comments received over the past 2 years, the Board has decided to move the ISC to the week end 1-2 October. Monday is a public holiday in NSW/ACT and SA. One of the main reasons for the change of date is the hot weather that we seemed to have experienced the last 3 or 4 ISCs.</p> <p>The Board has also agreed to offer the hosting of this year's ISC to last year's host The Eastlakes Club, as a result of the many congratulatory notes received with regard to the hosting of last year's ISC,.</p> <p>These early important details should allow you to plan your trips to Sydney in early October 2011.</p> <p>More details on these Championships later.</p>	<p>Hope to see all at Easter</p> <p><i>Your's sincerely</i></p> <p><i>Marcel Philogene</i></p> <p><i>for the Petanque Federation Team</i></p>